Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think he visited for certain purposes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether it is the practice of the Director to give previous intimation to the officers concerned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That depends upon the particular business in hand. If it is a matter upon which no public opinion is to be taken he will not give notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why he did not visit these 96 villages?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are 275 villages in all. He is not to go and visit each and every village. There must be some business to be done. Perhaps, there might not have been any particular business to visit these 96 villages.

Acreage of lands cultivated under the guidance of the Agricultural Department.

171. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to supply information on the following points:—

(a) the acreage of paddy lands cultivated annually in the State during the last five years under the guidance of and in accordance with the instructions given by the Agricultural Department; and the net increase in the produce of lands so cultivated;

(b) the total acreage for the last 5 years of garden lands in the State planted with cocoanut or arecanut trees, under the guidance of and in accordance with the advice given by the Agricultural Department;

(c) the number of seed bulls maintained by the department during the last 5 years in any of the villages of the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b). Figures are not available.

(c)	Central Farm, Ollukkara	4 bulls.
	Cocoanut station, Vyttila	1 ,,
	Vadakkancheri	1 ,,
	Mulanthuruthi	1 (in 1109.)

The department has also given grants for maintaining a bull each at Kattur, Pallipuram, Azhikode and Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With regard to (a) and (b) the answer is "figures are not available". From this answer am I to understand that no such lands were cultivated under the guidance or according to the instructions of the Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We were not sure whether the member was referring to the Demonstration lands. If that is what the member has in view I shall give the figures. 10½ acres of paddy fields and 210 cocoanut trees in 1107. Now we have got 13¼ acres of paddy fields and 210 trees.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah.—It is not lands under Government Demonstration that I mean. I am referring to lands cultivated by private owners under the instruction or according to the advice given by the Department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This is the acreage and number of trees I have got. The question is too general to be answered.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—The acreage—is it all private lands?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A portion might also be Government Farms. But they are small Taluk Farms.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I understand that Demonstration lands are cultivated by the Government. My question is how much land is cultivated by private owners on the advice and according to the instructions given by the Department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So the member does not mean actual Demonstration lands? We have not got the figures because we do not know what all persons have acted according to the advice of the Department and what all cultivators have not done that.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether, if any advantage is to be derived by the people, it is not necessary that an account should be kept as to what acreage of land was cultivated according to the advice and instructions given by the Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—How can that be done? There is a department disseminating useful information. It is open to all the cultivators to seek its advice. But at the same time it is open to them to do as they like. It would require a house-to-house enquiry to get a complete answer to that question.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether land is cultivated jointly with the ryot as done in the Madras Presidency?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think a part of this is done like that. These demonstrations, some of them, are done on the ryots' own lands.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What has been the result of demonstration in cultivation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As all scientific researches it has been quite successful. Better results always come out if we get good manure.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are there figures to show that the experiments are successful?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Does not the Director of Agriculture note in his diary the instructions imparted to the ryots?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If he had occasion to attend a conference or a meeting he always shows that in his diary.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government collect statistics showing how much land is cultivated according to the instructions given by the Department so that we may just consider this aspect hereafter in certain schemes to be introduced here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is rather impossible to collect that information. It requires house-to-house enquiry to find out which cultivator has exactly followed the methods of the Department.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—At least when the instructions are followed in a substantial degree cannot the officer concerned make a note of it in his diary ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government would consider whether something could be done in that line.

Enquiry—Agricultural Department.

172. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have at any time after the inception of the Agricultural Department in the State, conducted any specific inquiry into the working of that department with a view to ascertain whether that department has served its purpose or realised any of its aims ;

(b) if such an inquiry has been conducted, what is the finding of the Government ;

(c) and if not, do they not consider that such an inquiry is an urgent necessity in view of the huge sums of money annually spent by them on that department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran —(a) No.

(b) No answer is required in view of the answer to (a).

(c) The Government do not consider that such an inquiry is an urgent necessity.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Government receive any suggestion from the present Head of the Department as to the betterment of the Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't remember exactly. I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Government call for any suggestion from the Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Cattle epidemics—Mukundapuram Taluk.

173. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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